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## Dr. Karl Menger To Speak Here

Dr. Karl Menger, professor of mathematics at Illinois Institute of Technology, will speak at Shimer's annual Honors Convocation Tuesday evening, Feb. 24 in Metcalf Auditorium, when students will be cited for scholastic achievement.

In recognition of his work in the field of mathematics and as a distinguished educator, Dr. Menger will be awarded an honorary doctor of science degree by Shimer College at the Convocation.

Dr. Menger holds a Ph.D from the University of Vienna where he later taught for 10 years. In 1937, after the Nazi take-over of Austria, Professor Menger became a resident of the United States, and taught at Notre Dame University until 1946, when he joined the faculty of Illinois Institute of Technology.

For nine years, from 1927 to 1936, Dr. Menger was a member of the Vienna Circle, a group of philosophers.

A gifted teacher and lecturer, Dr. Menger has written many papers and books dealing with aspects of mathematics. He has maintained a living concern that the concepts of mathematics be intelligible to the intelligent layman.



DR. KARL MENDER



Just before the six-week break, a group of Shimer students talk over plans for their between-semester vacation which began Dec. 19 and ends Feb. 1. Classes resume Feb. 2.

## Students Attend Chicago Seminar

Shimer students are again this year participating in an Urban Seminar in Chicago during the last two and a half weeks of the six-week break. The second annual Shimer-in-Chicago seminar is being held at the University of Chicago from Jan. 15 to Jan. 31. Dr. Barbara Bowdery of Shimer's social sciences staff is director of the program.

The seminar is a study of urban social and political processes, urban problems and attempts to solve them. Students listen to officials of many agencies, public and private, tell about the programs, policies, goals and accomplishments, as well as the frustrations and disappointments of their organizations. Later in the program, students go out to see for themselves, observing in action many of

the programs they were told about.

This year students may receive academic credit for the seminar, but only if they also complete certain prescribed readings and write a term paper after their return to campus.

## Dorm Damage Down 90% Over Last Year

Although Shimer College, over the past several years, has experienced its share of student vandalism, property destruction and other thoughtless pranks, as have most other colleges, the first semester of this year has shown a decided decrease in such destruction, according to

( See DORM, pg. 2, col. 3 )





## *The Campus After 1970's First Big Snowfall*

### *Green Curtain To Do O'Neill Tragedy*

Eugene O'Neill's classic tragedy, "Desire under the Elms," will be presented by Green Curtain Dramatic Club Feb. 20, 21 and 22 in the Karyn Kupcinec Playhouse, directed by T. Nelson Magill.

The cast includes Terry Caplenor, Anne

### *Burton Blistein Weds Elizabeth Porter*

Miss Elizabeth Porter of Troy, Ohio and Burton E. Blistein, Shimer humanities instructor, were married Jan. 6, 1970 in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Don Moon, 501 West Street, Mount Carroll. The Rev. Earland Lilly, pastor of the Mount Carroll First Baptist Church, officiated at the ceremony.

Among the guests were Shimer faculty members, the Rev. Moon and Mrs. Moon, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Locker, and former Shimer students, Lola Berndt and Mary Wimsatt.

The bride attended Shimer from 1967-1969, and the bridegroom has a B.A. and an M.A. degree from the University of Chicago. Their address is temporarily 501 West Street, Mount Carroll.

Whitmore and Eric Nicholson in major roles. Secondary parts will be taken by Michael Stone and Jay Farquhar. Other students will appear in bit roles.

A particularly noteworthy set, according to Dr. Magill, has been built by the technical crew, Boyd Gilbert, Steve Llanso and Joe Fedota. It includes a two-story house and two large elm trees.

### *Births*

Daughter, Meghan Brewster, to MICHAEL HOULIHAN, AB'65, and WENDY HOAG HOULIHAN, '65, of Birmingham, Michigan, May 21, 1969. Meghan is the Houlihans' first child.

## **Shimer News Notes**

Shimer's faith in the academic risk is producing some worthy students, according to Dr. Denis Cowan, dean of faculty. Half of the transfer students admitted on academic probation in the Fall and considered by the Academic Standing Committee were removed from probation at the end of the semester, in December, 1969. The rest were dropped or continued on probation. Only 11 students from all categories were dropped from Shimer by the committee, compared with 30 at this time last year. The number of students being put on academic probation has increased slightly, and the number continued on probation has dropped markedly.

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Mr. Don Moon has been assigned by President Aker to be Director of Shimer-in-Oxford for the 1970-71 academic year. Already 20 students have applied, and the deadline for application is Feb. 15. From the applicants 25 students will be selected, the first screening to be academic and the second screening to be by the Office of Student Services. The final list should be announced by March 1.

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Among changes and improvements made on the campus during the six-week break were the laying of new cork tile floors and the painting of walls and ceilings in three second floor classrooms in Hostetter Hall. Also repainted were the Business Office in Metcalf and the interior of the Infirmary. The College Chapel was moved from Hostetter Hall to Dearborn and the former Chapel was converted to ground floor classrooms and offices.

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~~Philip A. Podolner~~  
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# Shimer College Alumni News

JUDITH MILLIMAN, '54, of Chicago, has been employed by the Social Security Administration for the past six years. She plans to apply for admission to DePaul University in their graduate school in Public Administration.

JOHN ERIK WERNES, AB '59, a Lieutenant Commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve, is a representative of Northwestern National Life Insurance Company in their Oakland Agency, Walnut Creek, Calif. He and his wife (PATRICIA LONG, AB '61) live in Martinez, Calif.

BARRY NEIDORF, '61, visited the campus recently while passing through Mount Carroll on a business trip. He is employed by the Bosler Supply Company, distributors of hardware, mill and industrial supplies. He and his wife and family live in the suburban Chicago area.

The Rev. RICHARD S. DEITCH, AB '64, curate at the Church of the Redeemer, Elgin, will become the new rector of St. Paul's Church, LaSalle, effective Feb. 1.

JOE DICOLA, AB '65, of DeKalb, who is working on his Ph.D at N.I.U., was a recent visitor on the Shimer campus. "Contrary to what some of my friends think I'm doing," Joe told the Alumni Secretary, "I'm actually majoring in Educational Psychology." He is teaching anthropology in a DeKalb junior high school, using as one of the texts a book, "Man and Culture," written by two associates and himself. Joe also serves as director of a learning center for DeKalb public schools. He plans ultimately to teach at the university level.

Lt. BRUCE COLVIN, AB '67, writes, "Though many miles away, I still think often of Shimer. The folks forward your bulletins to me so that I can keep up with the latest gossip. I am currently stationed 13 miles north of Saigon at Bien Hoa, flying for the 12th Air Commando Squadron."

FRANKLIN FOSTER, AB '68, of Pekin, Ill. left for Viet Nam Jan. 8, 1970. He was in his first year of law school at Washington University when he was drafted, and entered the Army June 24, 1969. "He remembers Shimer with fondness and affection," his mother writes.

JUDI PENDERGRASS, AB '68, of Eagle Lake, Texas, is "presently chasing the artistic bug with her camera in Europe, according to her mother, who adds, "Judi will probably return Stateside and

enter graduate school somewhere this fall."

GEOFFREY G. TOMB, AB '68, is political editor of the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, a morning paper in Pittsburgh, Pa. His engagement to Dianne Lichy, a women's staff writer for the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, was recently announced. The wedding will take place in April.

JOHN MARDIS, AB '69, teaches 7th grade English at Washington Community School in Rockford. His wife, BARBARA, AB '69, is doing some graduate work through extension courses from the University of Illinois. John and Barbara extend a welcome to any Shimer student who happens to be in Rockford and in need of a place to stay. Their address is 307 Penfield Place.

MARK SHELDON, AB '68, as directed by a decision in the United States Court of Appeals, is being discharged from the Army as a conscientious objector. He and his wife (BONNIE BERGMAN, '67) live at 2331 Cathedral Ave. NW, Apt. 301, Washington, D. C. 20008, and write that they would be happy to hear from anyone.

MAXINE STOCK KIMMERLY, '51, of St. Joseph, Michigan, was named winner of a gold award in the Niles Art Association's fifth regional Winter Art Exhibit in Niles. Mrs. Kimmerly received the award for a large acrylic painting entitled, "Self-Entasis." A picture of Mrs. Kimmerly, working on one of her acrylic paintings, which measured seven feet by four feet and had a three dimensional effect of stairs, appeared in a Niles newspaper feature story about the exhibit.

JOHN GOODELL, AB '54, of Downers Grove, is district manager for Turco Products, a division of the Purex Corporation. He and his wife, Janet, have two sons, ages five and three.

## Marriages

Miss Cathy Smith of Lanark to GARY E. ENLOE, AB '67, of Bremerton, Washington, Dec. 28, 1969 in First Methodist Church, Mount Carroll. RICHARD BRUCH, Shimer '67, of Chicago, was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Enloe are at home at 426 West Surf Street, Apt. 104, Chicago, Ill.

Miss SHERRY NEWBOLD, '67, to ROBERT CORLEY, '67, in the fall of 1967. They are living in Barriere, British Columbia and plan to make Canada their permanent home. Mr. Corley is assistant manager of a hardware store in Barriere and is working on his teaching certificate.



MRS. PAUL H. SHERRICK  
Stuart-Rodgers Studio

## Mrs. Paul Sherrick Is New Trustee

A new member of the Shimer College Board of Trustees, elected in November, 1969, is Mrs. Paul H. Sherrick of Winnetka. A sister-in-law of Dr. Aaron J. Brumbaugh, who served as president of Shimer College from 1950-54, Mrs. Sherrick is active in politics and at present serves as Republican Committeewoman for the 13th Congressional District of Illinois.

Mrs. Sherrick has a B.M. degree from the American Conservatory of Music and served on the faculty there for 22 years. She is a member of the Executive Board of the Illinois Federation of Republican Women, the Capitol Hill Club, Washington, D. C., and the Board of Governors of the United Republican Fund.

## Second Semester

### Movies Announced

Movies tentatively scheduled to be shown at Shimer in the Friday Night Film Series during the second semester are: Feb. 13, "Pumpkin Eater"; Feb. 20, "Le Million"; Feb. 27, "Hud"; March 6, "On the Waterfront"; March 13, "Night at the Opera"; March 20, "Devil Is a Woman"; April 10, "Mexican Bus Ride"; April 17, "Blue Angel"; April 24, "To Have and Have Not"; May 1, "Fugitive from a Chain Gang"; May 8, "5000 Fingers of Dr. T"; May 15, "Il Successo."



# Parents and Alumni Hail Shimer Program

Following are excerpts from letters from parents of current students and from alumni:

"As parents, we know from experience what a difference a small college can make in the life and outlook of capable students who thrive on individualized instruction. In our daughter's case, Shimer's early entrant program has made all the difference between disgust with educational arrangements, and earnest enthusiasm. Individual attention from capable teachers, and a willingness to challenge the student at every level of achievement, have made all the difference. It would seem to us that, as our society grows more complex, demanding and impersonal, it needs the small college more than ever."

Another parent writes, "Shimer has been a very happy choice for my daughter, and I doubt if there are more than a handful of other colleges in the country that would have suited her educational and other needs more completely. In this

era of the big high school and the huge state university, whose enrollment apparently must be high to achieve efficiency, I hope we will still be able to maintain the small liberal arts colleges for the unusual students who have so much to give and yet who would feel lost and overwhelmed by a large institution."

RUTH C. JACOBS, AB '67, writes, "I find my Shimer education more than adequate to my daily needs in the business world, (I am production manager of a small advertising agency in San Francisco). I feel that I was certainly happier at Shimer than I would have been at any of our 'great universities.' . . I see Shimer as in some ways far more stable and intellectual an environment than the urban university, with its student riots, its proximity to urban problems, and its overcrowded classrooms. I know I was unable to face such a prospect (of graduate school at a university) and would much have preferred a situation similar to Shimer."

## Chicago Area Students Hear Of Shimer Plan

Approximately 150 prospective students, their parents and friends met with current Shimer students from the Chicago area, members of the administration and faculty in the Champlain Building, 37 South Wabash Ave., Chicago, Saturday morning, Jan. 17. Purpose of the conference was to acquaint the guests with Shimer's unique educational plan.

Irv Kupcinet, well-known Chicago Sun-Times columnist, and Shimer trustee, was a featured speaker. Shimer's newest building, the Karyn Kupcinet Playhouse, completed in 1968, was named for the Kupcinets' daughter whose untimely death in Hollywood in 1963 cut short a promising career as an actress.

Short talks by faculty and administrators explaining the Shimer program, scholarships and financial aid were followed by a question and answer period. Refreshments were served in a friendly, informal atmosphere as current students, faculty and administration members visited per-

sonally with the guests after the conference.



Students find good sledding on Shimer's hills after winter snow. Howe Hall, men's dormitory, in background.

## Board of Trustees Gives Needed Aid

Shimer's 27-member Board of Trustees, which has over-all responsibility for the operation, maintenance and perpetuation of the College, has demonstrated an active interest in the promotion of its welfare.

Most members of the Board of Trustees have contributed financially to the College during the past several years. Many have given of their time in the solicitation of funds from other sources and have, in a number of instances, been responsible for grants from company association foundations. Many have given much of their time and energy in attending Board and Board Committee Meetings seeking solutions to one or another of Shimer's problems.

During the fiscal year ending December 31, 1969, eighteen members of the Board, past and present, made financial contributions to the College, or were personally responsible for contributions by others. Money received from them, or through their individual efforts with others, represents the bulk of Shimer's outside receipts.

## Dorm Damage

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Business Manager Arthur Fetterolf.

"In fact," Mr. Fetterolf stated, "the total monetary damage to property has been only about ten percent of that experienced during the second semester of last year."

The College appreciates pranks such as building snowmen on the landings of the stair wells of the dormitories, Mr. Fetterolf said, but frowns on the cost of clean-up, damage to floors and plaster ceilings which are a direct result of such an act.

"Shimer is proud of the conduct of the students during the semester just ended," Mr. Fetterolf said. "We believe they are aware of the property rights of others, and that the vast majority is interested in the pursuit of the excellent educational opportunities offered at Shimer."

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